

Eden Declares:

• Allies Are Ready to Deal "Reasonably" With Italy In Order to Hit Germany

By LEWIS HAWKINS

LONDON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons in a surprise debate last night that the Allies would be "only too ready" to adopt a "reasonable attitude" toward Italy if the Allies got what they wanted for fighting Germany.

Eden, replying to a question, said that with the departure of Benito Mussolini and the Fascist regime, Italy took on a different aspect.

"We are, as a war cabinet, anxious to see Italy accept the unconditional surrender of Germany, and for Germany to see allies that give her so that we can turn the war even more vigorously on to Germany."

"We are anxious to see a peace in which Italy can play her part as a respectable nation once again."

Answering questions which indicated fears that the Allies might deal with Italian quislings, Eden said:

NO RECONCILIATION

"If we accept an unconditional surrender for anyone I would not regard myself as thereby recognizing them in the least. I would be extremely pleased to accept unconditional surrender from Hitler tomorrow."

The German radio, joined by Rome, publicized a seven-point armistice proposal which it said had been accepted by President Roosevelt, but this was without confirmation from any Allied quarter. The seven points included demands which would naturally be part of terms under unconditional surrender.

ADMIRAL RAYAL, Labor M.P., asked on the debate when he was asked what the government plans were for occupied territories and referred to the announcement that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commanding in Africa, was in charge of negotiating any peace with Italy.

Bevan charged that Eisenhower was making a separate peace because the British and American press was full of criticism of the statements about the Italian people and the Allies were riding themselves of Mussolini.

COURAGEOUS THING

"It was a cowardly thing to do to shelter behind a general who has no public responsibility at all," Bevan said.

"We have to understand that King Victor Emmanuel is to be the British and American queen of Italy." In deciding to nominate him, he said, "It was a bold thing to do. We are throwing away millions of potential allies in Europe and it is a sacrifice that we are prepared to make."

Eden, in his reply during a debate which kept commons sitting late into the night, also denied that he had called for a "certain number of years standing" that he once had a row with Mussolini. "There was a certain difference as to what he had done and what I had done, but that has not changed in the least," he declared.

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FOUND UNNEGOTIABLE

"I tried to do many of my colleagues in successive governments, to prevent the proposal that Mussolini was negotiable but that he was unnegotiable and he is still unnegotiable—fortunately in another sense now."

Ax's propagandists, in their analysis of the seven-point armistice proposal, appeared to be using a straw-man technique, to come up with a reason to raise visions of hunger and holocaust which they said would be the fate of the Italian people if they accepted the so-called terms.

American Senators Received by King

LONDON, Aug. 4.—(UPI)—Five visiting United States senators were entertained by King George yesterday after they had been entertained at luncheon for Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. The senators were Sen. Harry S. Truman, Sen. Fred M. Vinson, Sen. Fred D. Russell (Dem.-Ga.), James M. Mead (Dem.-N.Y.), Albert B. Chandler (Dem.-Ky.), Sen. John D. Brewster (Rep.-Me.), and Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (Rep.-Mass.).

Daily War Map—Exclusively in The Edmonton Bulletin



Rome takes a key position in the war news with the threat of future Allied bombings, the return of Mussolini and the possibility of peace negotiations revolving around the city. Map shows air routes to Rome from various Allied bases.

QUEEN ELIZABETH

LONDON, Aug. 4.—(CP)—The Queen is 25 years old today. She is spending the birthday quietly in the country with no special celebration arranged.

Nazi Europe Hit by 21,520 Tons of Bombs

By GORDON TAIT

LONDON, Aug. 4.—(CP)—RAF and R.A.F. American bombers dropped 21,520 tons of high explosives on Hitler-dominated Europe in July—more than twice as much as the Germans ever dropped on a British city in a blitz raid.

The greatest air offensive of the war was mounted on July 15 and 16, when 7,840 tons were dropped on that battered seaport.

Planning for the raid, yesterday, in an air ministry review, did not include the thousands of tons of bombs dropped on the Mediterranean and on Sicily. Hitler's Allied air forces based in Africa, Nor did it include the tonnage dropped by R.A.F. and R.A.F. American medium and fighter bombers in daylight forays across the Channel. Tonnage totals in these raids were not available.

ADVANTAGE IN LOSSES

During the same period of July, Allied aircraft maintained losses than a two-point one advantage over the Germans in aerial warfare, with 1,202 aircraft lost, down 1,202 over Europe, Britain, Malta, North Africa and the Middle East for the loss of 1,096.

Major targets in bombing assault by British included Cologne, Berlin, Hamburg, Hanover, Essen and Remscheid, all in the Ruhr.

Italy was attacked four times by planes from Britain. Turin was hit on July 12, then Lancasters attacked power stations feeding the Po valley on the evenings of July 15 and 16. The Lancasters went on to Italian bases and on to the Italian port of Leghorn, the northern Italian port, with high explosives.

Five hundred of the Axis planes destroyed were by British heavy bombers and fighters based in Britain, while 106 American bombers failed to return from raids.

The North African Allied air forces dropped 450 Axis planes for a loss of 196.

DESTROY 12 PLANES

Home-based planes of the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. destroyed 123 enemy planes and lost 258, most of them heavy bombers in night attacks on Germany.

In the Middle East 77 Axis aircraft were destroyed against the loss of 12 planes.

The R.A.F. also lost one plane over Britain.

In its report on the violent attacks against Germany, Goering's highly-touted air force made only one day bombing raid on the Ruhr during the month and seven night assaults. German planes over Britain during the month were down 1,000, less than a few during any previous month in the year and less than any single one of the big Allied allies.

Colonel Ralston Visits Paratroops

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Aug. 4.—(CP)—Col. L. Ralston, Canadian paratroop commander, continuing his tour of Canadian army formations, spent yesterday with a contingent of newly-arrived paratroopers.



"Oh, the burglars didn't come in here. This is my daughter's room. She was dressing for a dance."

By Canucks, British

Fiercest Sicilian Fighting As Catania Heights Taken

By NOLAND NORGAARD

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN SICILY, Aug. 4.—(CP)—In the fiercest fighting yet seen in the Sicilian campaign, British and Canadian troops drove the enemy from the northwest edge of the broad

valley of the Catania heights dominating the last heights dominating the broad

units engaged at Regalbuto and Centuripe said-hand struggle waged at those places were known as the fiercest in Sicily since before Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's army began its Al Alamein, opening the seventh-month conquest of all North Africa.

The decision of the weary Germans to withdraw from Sicily was made by the British bridle-had driven his troops through the town without dropping a bomb.

Monday night a series of explosions and fires on enemy airfields clustered around Gerbini in the mountain town of Regalbuto and forced steadily forward into the heights. The Germans were seen at great distances, and detonations which rocked an area for miles around appeared to come from Gerbini, carrying stocks of bombs and gasoline and other supplies which they were unable to move before the last point in the last enemy defense lines on the southwest slopes of Mount Etna.

If the Nazis were from the present lines roughly five miles south of Catania to meet the threat

CONSOLIDATE HOLD

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Gen. Von Kuehne, who took command of the right wing of the Hermann Goering division facing the British and Canadian forces, was captured by British paratroopers either had been withdrawn or became casualties, was captured and killed, presumably at Regalbuto.

The senior commander of British

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Canadian Nurses From North Africa Believed in Sicily

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, Aug. 4.—(CP)—Word from Sicily that a Canadian base hospital was established in that island in July, in which British and American air forces, collating with ground and naval forces, were engaged in Sicily, was received yesterday.

The hospital was established in Sicily to care for the wounded of the British and American air forces.

Details of the raid were not available, but it was known that British and American air forces, collating with ground and naval forces, were engaged in Sicily to care for the wounded of the British and American air forces.

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World News Highlights Presented in Picture Form

War Workers on Parade



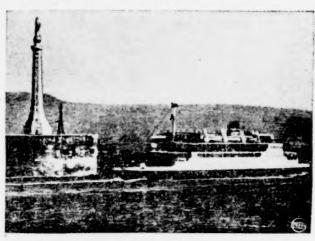
These girls, from a Montreal war industry plant, helped to build the 25,000th armored vehicle produced in Canada, which was christened recently. The Ram tank was named "Miss Quebec" by Sgt.-Major Norma Wiken, of the C.W.A.C.

... And the Last Escape Port of Messina



From the harbor at Messina the hills of Italy two miles away are plainly visible.

Backed into a corner in Sicily, the Axis has its last chance in the mountains. Mr. Ettor blocks the smooth advance of Allied forces up the coast to the island's northwest tip, and the Axis has many fortified positions in the foothills. Americans driving along the north coast may find the Germans a strong force in the Catania sector, however, and force a rapid Axis retreat to Messina. Only a two-mile strait separates Sicily from the Italian mainland, but most ferry companies have been bombed out in recent weeks. Disaster may lie ahead for any Axis force that tries to make its extraction at Messina without support of air power.



Canada's Defence Minister Flies to Britain



Canada's Minister of National Defence, Col. J. L. Ralston, is pictured (centre) with his military secretary, Col. H. A. Dyde, M.C., Edmonton barrister (right) as they prepared to board a plane at a Canadian airport for a flight to Britain. Col. Ralston is chatting with Commander J. C. Hubbard, D.S.C., of the Royal Canadian Navy. In London Col. Ralston met Lt. Gen. Kenneth Stuart, chief of the general staff, who recently visited the Mediterranean theatre of war.

The Conquerors and Conquered in Sicily



Photo by Charles Curtis, NEA-Acme war pool photographer

Landing Operations Practiced by Men of Regt. de Hull



—Canadian Army Photo

Practising shore landings and establishment of bridgeheads on an "enemy" shore—for the day when they may be called upon to spearhead a drive into Hitler's Fortress Europa or II Duce's bomb-smashed Italian territory—men of the Regiment de Hull are pictured in training action "somewhere in Canada". Fully-equipped soldiers of the unit are shown (top) pouring from landing

barges almost before the platforms have touched the beach, ready to take up positions and wipe out any opposing force. Bren gunners (left) are shown to the left and mortar protection to the landing forces, while mortar detachments (lower centre) push inland to set up their posts. When the opposition has been softened up by mortar and machine-gun fire the men go in with bayonet (lower right) cleaning

out nests of still resisting hostile troops. While these pictures were made in Canada they give a graphic outline of how landing forces will operate when the "big push" comes. The gunner at left is Pte. L. Favreau. The mortar crew (left to right) consists of Ptes. B. Bernard, L. P. Fortin and L. Courte. At right is Pte. C. E. Boucher. All are from the Regiment de Hull.

Some Doll!



We are referring, of course, to the rag doll that Betty Brodel is holding. We can't imagine why she is holding the doll, and it doesn't seem to make much difference because it makes a pleasant picture. Betty is one of the chorus girls to be chosen as a member of the 10 Lucky Stars in Warner Bros' "Thank Your Lucky Stars".

Soldiers of China on the Road to War



Endless column of Chinese soldiers, moves up to the Salween river front near the Burma border to relieve comrades who have been holding back a force of 50,000 Japs at China's back door. Shorts indicate warm weather.

U.S. Congressmen Like Canadian Air



They said so and the photograph caught the expression of their enjoyment. Guests of the Inter-Parliamentary gathering now meeting at Ottawa, four Congressmen delayed at Washington owing to the House vote on anti-strike legislation, arrived in Montreal Sunday by the "Montreal" Washington-New York train of the Canadian National Railways. Photographed at the Bonaventure Station they are, left to right: Congressman John Voreca, Ohio; Charles A. Eaton, New Jersey, who was born in Canada; Sol Bloom, New York, and Luther A. Johnson of Texas. "This crisp Canadian air is delightful after the heat of Washington and we have been enjoying it thoroughly," said Congressman Bloom, a sentiment in which the others concurred, even Congressman Johnson whose native Texas is well within the warm belt.

Swift Shots



There's less than one second, says Capt. George R. Keay, for accurate aim in this picture for the mounted machine gun held by Jean Foster, can fire 1,400 rounds a minute.

